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Chemical Spill

Lincoln's Oil brings refurbished sound to the Zoo Bar tonight.
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Hooking the Horns

Nebraska's track and field teams took the Big 12 titles away from Texas this weekend.
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REGENTS Board forms budget wish list

By Kimberly Sweet

Staff writer

An increase in faculty and staff salaries tops the wish list of items the NU Board of Regents will consider when requesting funds from the state Legislature next year.

A 4.6 percent increase in faculty and administrative salaries was included in the preliminary estimates of universitywide needs NU President Dennis Smith presented to the regents Saturday.

A 4.75 percent increase in managerial, professional and office worker salaries was also included in the list of needs.

The overall needs add up to an additional \$80.5 million of funding over the next two years.

NU President Dennis Smith said the estimate of needs was not a budget request for the state Legislature, but rather a preliminary list of needs gathered from the four campuses that will need funding during the next biennium period, which goes from 2001 to 2003.

"From this, we will develop a budget request," he said.

The needs identified by the four campuses in the NU system would cost the state \$385.6 million for the 2000-01 fiscal year and \$427.9 million for the 2001-02 fiscal year.

The University of Nebraska will receive \$372 million during the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

State funding is just one portion of the university's \$1 billion budget. Tuition, private donations, grants and federal funding are just a few other sources from which the university gets funding.

Regent Charles Wilson of Lincoln hopes the regents pursue the faculty pay raise throughout the budget request process, he said.

Wilson also thinks NU needs to

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Lunar crooner



JEFF MARX, lead singer of the local band Lune, sings at Knickerbockers on Friday night. The band played a mix of punk and hard rock, finishing the show with an interpretation of Oscar The Grouch's "I Love Trash."

Josh Wolfe/DN

Living Situations Fair Housing Act fights discrimination

Editor's note: In honor of Black History Month, this is the final story in a weekly series looking at the heart of diversity - what it means now and what it meant in the 1960s. Today we look at discrimination in rental housing.

By Jill Zeman

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You want to rent a house or apartment in Lincoln, so you call the landlord, make an appointment to see the property, arrive on time and knock on the landlord's door.

"Once the landlord sees you, you're told, 'If we'd have known you were colored, we'd have saved you a trip.'"

That has happened, said Gerald Henderson, who was an equal opportunities officer at the Lincoln Commission on Human Rights from 1968 to 1994.

And until 1968, when the Fair Housing Act

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Tenant tension

During 1998, out of the four cases filed for discrimination on housing based on race, three were dismissed because of no reasonable cause, and the fourth case was settled.

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race	color	sex	age	religion	disability	national origin	retaliation	marital status	familial status	ancestry		
TOTAL							6					
ACTUAL TOTAL							4					

Some complaints were based on more than one category. In actuality, four complaints were filed.
Source: Lincoln Commission on Human Rights

Melanie Falk/DN

ASUN ELECTIONS

Candidates, officials examine alcohol

By Michelle Starr

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With votes to be cast Wednesday, the ASUN presidential candidates spoke their minds about the controversial topic of alcohol on campus.

Duff presidential candidate Jason Kidd has been challenging the University of Nebraska-Lincoln's alcohol policy in his campaign.

He said the policy makes it difficult for students to drink on campus and that the university is unfair when it allows boosters to drink on football Saturdays. Kidd, still investigating the

policy, wants to make a change.

"If you're 21, you should be able to exercise your right to drink," Kidd said. "But we're not saying people should be walking around campus with beer cans."

He said creating a wet campus would create a more social community, where people from various backgrounds could meet in a campus environment to drink and socialize.

He also said it could decrease drinking and driving from off-campus parties back to campus housing.

But the policy is just fine as it stands, said other ASUN presidential candidates, Joel Schafer of A-Team,

Heath Mello of Empower and John Conley of Impact.

They disagree with Kidd about a broader policy, but all said more alcohol education, especially for freshmen, would be a positive step.

Many students may not be aware of the alcohol policy on campus or have the wrong idea about it, Mello said.

"They just don't know enough about it," Mello said. "I think (the university is) trying to watch out for the best for their students. Coming from a

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Candidates focus on RHA, ASUN's communication

By Gwen Tietgen

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Improving communication between ASUN and the students it represents is the focus of the second vice presidential candidates.

The second vice presidential candidates are elected on a separate ticket from the president and first vice presidential candidate of each party.

One major issue each current second vice presidential candidate

has includes helping improve the relationship between ASUN and RHA.

"We can develop more of a community feeling on campus by working together with RHA and going into the residence halls and taking suggestions from students in general," said Joel Webber, a junior broadcasting major who is running with

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